Inauguration of metre gauge railway lines in Arunachal Pradesh

1316. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he inaugurated two metre-gauge railway lines on January 3-4, 1990 namely (i) in Gamani Bhalukpong in Arunachal Pradesh; (ii) Penchartal-Kumarghat in Tripuia-

(b) if so, at what cost the two lines have been laid; and

(c) what other railway lines extension and replacements are contemplated to be undertaken during the ensuing year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES); (a) Penchartal-Kumarghat section of the Dharmanagar-Kumarghat MG line and Gamani-Bhalukpong section of Balipara-Bhalukpong MG line were inaugurated on 4-1-90 and 15-1-90 respectively.

(b) The estimated cost of Dharmanagar-Kumarghat line is Rs. 43. 93 crores and that of Balipara-Bhalukpong line is Rs. 14. 18 crores.

(c) Details of the on-going railway line projects, contemplated to be undertaken during the ensuing year have been included in the Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programmes of Railways fo$_r$ 1990-91 part II which forms part of the Budget Documents circulated to Members of Parliament.

Free supply of water and electricity to the Council of (Ministers

1317. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Members of the Council of Ministers are enritled for free water and electricity services without any limit;

(b) the amounts paid for each of. the years 1986-57, 1987-88 and 1988-89 in respect of each service, Minister-wise; and

(c) the monthly average of the above, during each of the -above year, Minister-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Postponement of the electrification of Joiarpct. Bangalore railway section

1318. SHRI H. HANUMANmAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of electrification of Jolarpet-Bangalore Railway section which wa's already approved was postponed.

(b) by when this project is likely to be taken up; and

(c) by what time it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Electrification works are already in progress.

(c) 1992-93.

Revision in freight charges on coal

1319. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have revised the freight charges on the coal supplied to Raichur Thermal Plant in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this revision; and

(c) whether Karnataka Government has objected to this revision, if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES). (a) and (b) Due to increase in demand of coal for Raichur Thermal Power Station additional coal linkage has to be provided from Bhadrachalam Branch line area of